MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether the Government are aware that the people of the locality find it very difficult to cross the river during rainy seasons?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I take the information from the honourable member.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): I want to know the reason why provision for the construction of the bridge was not made in the budget allotment for this year?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): That is not usually done. The road is constructed under one estimate and the bridge under another

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the materials that are available out of the demolished Vamanapuram bridge can be utilised for this purpose?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Quite possible.

Irrigation tanks in the Chirayinkil taluk.

207. *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of irrigation tanks in the Chirayinkil taluk;

(*b*) the number of irrigation tanks investigated;

(*c*) the number of irrigation tanks improved up-to-date (till 24-11-1111); and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the negative, the reasons therefor?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) 185.

(*b*) 4.

(*c*) No tank as such was improved; but other irrigation works were carried out.

(*d*) No requisitions have been received.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know the names of the *pakuthies* in which the four tanks referred to in the answer to part (*b*) are situated?

MR. G. B. E. TRSUCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I must claim notice.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): With regard to the answer to part (*d*) may I know whether the Government are aware that the inhabitants of Chirayinkil *pakuthi* have sent representations to the Chief Engineer last year with regard to the necessity of investigating and improving the tanks in the *pakuthi*?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): No.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know what are the other Irrigation works that they have undertaken?

MR. G. B E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I claim notice.

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